5.58 lakh dwelling units were constructed for the economically weaker sections of the population.

(vii) With a view to removing shelterlessness, Government of India has approved a scheme for provision of shelter to the pavement dwellers in the metropolitan cities. Two schemes costing Rs. 34 lakhs and Rs. 89.88 lakhs have been sanctioned for Calcutta and Madras respectively.

(c) According to the 1981 census data, the number of shelterless persons in the country (excluding Assam where census could not be held) was 23.27 lakhs.

(d) As stated in reply to parts (a) and (b).

Telecast of Kalidas Samaroh held in Ujjain

433. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kalidas Samaroh is being celebrated every year in Ujjain;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to telecast the celebration of Kalidas Samaroh;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have got the live coverage of Kalidas Samaroh through its media and other agencies;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to telecast the coverage of Kalidas Samaroh already received from these agencies; and

(e) if so, by when the celebration of Kalidas Samaroh is likely to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Kalidas Samaroh held at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh from 19th to 25th November, 1988 was covered by Doordarshan and excerpts of the recordings were telecast in the Sanskriti Programme telecast on 20-12-1988 and 16-2-1989 on the National Network.

Commissioning of Vishakhapatnam Steel plant

434. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant is not likely to be commissioned within schedule time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to complete the erectioning and commissioning of Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant in time?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main reasons are inadequate performance of some of the contractors, delay in the supply of certain items of equipment and delay on the part of Andhra Pradesh Government to make water available for the plant by construction of Yeluru Canal. The Government is continuously monitoring the pace of construction of the plant.

Welfare of old an destitute women

435. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any programme for the

welfare of old, aged and destitute women;

(b) if so, what are the details of such programme; and

(c) if reply to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the desirability of a programme to be launched for the welfare of old, aged and destitute women in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) No new programme for welfare of the old, aged and destitute women has been launched. Assistance is being provided through old age pensions by the States. Besides, the Government of India has been providing grants-in-aid on a limited scale to voluntary organisatons for Welfare of the aged under the 'General Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Assistance to Voluntary Organisations in the Field of Social Welfare'.

(b) Grants-in-aid being provided to voluntary organisations for various specialised activities, such as maintenance, recreation, Day Care Centre, health check-up etc.

(c) Question does not arise.

Canadian Co-operations for Urban Mass Transit System

436. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Indian delegation had discussion with the Canadian Government in connection with the Urban Mass Transit system in Canada during January, 1989;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any final negotiation in the field of providing technical and financial cooperation has been held; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) In pursuance to the visit of a Canadian delegation, headed by the Canadian Transport Minister, in 1988, an invitation was extended by the Canadian Government to the Urban Development Minister to lead a delegation to that country to study Canada's urban transport systems for possible application in India. No formal agreement was concluded with Canadian Government during the visit.

Improvement in capacity utilisation of Fertilizer Plants

437. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged to the fertilizers industry to improve the capacity utilisation of the existing plants:

(b) if so, the quantum of fertilizers produced by each of the industry in the Public Sector during the last three years:

(c) whether import of fertilizers have since been declined during the past few years; and

(d) if not, the steps propose to be taken to boost the production of fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) It is Government's constant endeavour to improve the capacity utilisation of the existing fertiliser plants.

(b) The production of fertilisers by each of the fertilizer manufacturing units in the public sector during the